





## PERSONAL.

Rev. Fr. D. J. Leonard of Cambridge, N. Y., says a young lady of his parish was cured of Consumption by Father John's Medicine.

Col. Wm. C. Miles of Washington, D. C., says: "Father John's Medicine saved my life."

One of my children had bronchitis from birth. Father John's Medicine cured her and made her strong.—Mrs. M. McCabe, 534 West 99th Street, New York City.

## An Indiana Farm Hand

Writes an Interesting Letter About Country Life.

WASHINGTON, D. C., November 23. An Indiana farm hand has written a letter to President Roosevelt about the work which the Country Life Commission is carrying on. The President has turned the letter over to the Country Life Commission, and the Commission has asked the farm hand to write some more.

"I have been a farm hand just long enough," says the President's correspondent, "to learn the cause of so many sons and daughters and well-meaning, reliable farm hands leaving the beautiful farm and country and going to the city. A lack of order and system on the farm and too long hours for a day is what is driving the best minds from the farm to the city and shop. What can we expect of a hand, or the farmer's wife and her posterity, in the way of intellectual development, when they get out of their beds at 3.30 in the morning and work from that time until 8 or 9 p. m.?

And no attention paid to the sanitary conditions of the home, and necessary conveniences on the farm for doing the farm work with the least labor and time."

This man has given the Country Life Commission some very interesting first-hand information about rural conditions and recommendations, based on a long experience in farm work and farm life. He has worked for all kinds of farmers, good and bad, he says, and he has always had his eyes open to detect the causes of their success or failure. He has drawn his own conclusions and sets them forth in down-right, straight-forward fashion. Education pays in farming, he says. The farmer who plans out his work and carries it through in a systematic, business-like manner, just as the city man does, will be able to shorten the hours of labor. "So many farmers measure everything on the farm from the standpoint of muscle," he continues, "and are extreme in some things and slack in others. I decided several years ago that life is too short to work for Peter Tumbledown farmers."

"Now, Mr. President," "you can take this for what it is worth. I have not given you half of my experience." The Country Life Commission has written him that his suggestions are so useful that they hope he will send more.

"Compel the farmer to be a business man," he says—"Go into the homes of some of the farmers and the so-called farmers and ascertain how they live, and learn of their methods of doing the business in which they are engaged. And you will be surprised what a variety you will find. Ascertain what they read, and what stress they put on the literature that comes into their homes (if any comes) bearing on the business they are engaged in. See what per cent study their business."

"Give me the educated farmer as a boss and the educated farmhand as a hand. When I come in contact with a hand or farmer that studies his business I find him advancing, and it is a pleasure to work for such men."

"The majority of the farmers are eight-hour men, that is, eight hours in the forenoon and eight in the afternoon. Eight or ten hours on the farm cannot well be adopted in all cases, but it need not be from fourteen to sixteen hours. If the family arise every morning at 5 o'clock and the wife and daughters attend to the household duties, and the farmhands and sons attend to the chores and go to the field at 7 o'clock and work until 11 or 11.30, and to the field again at 1 and keep at it until 6 o'clock, and go to the house and eat the supper and then do the evening chores, they have done a farm day's work. Regular hours for work, and regular hours for meals, and regular hours for sleep, and regular hours for rest and recreation, with plenty of standard papers and books, including the best agricultural papers and books, and a full faith in God, and good grub, is wanted."

"The family should rise at 5 o'clock on Sunday morning as well as on week days, and do the necessary Sunday morning chores, and then go to church and shop the business men in the city that Sunday on the farm does not consist in changing the stock from one field to another, or salting it, or unloading a load of hay that was brought in on Saturday evening."

"Coming to the meals at the meal hour makes it easy on the wife so she can arrange her household duties in order, as can also the husband his farm work."

"Men of worth and standing in the shop and city tell me that if order and system were used on the farm they would go back to the farm. If the farmer wants to keep his sons and daughters on the farm he must not lengthen the hours for a day's work at both ends. Limit the hours of work on the farm to twelve or thirteen, with pay for overtime, and freedom to the hired man on Sunday."

The Country Life Commission welcomes letters like this, because as Professor L. H. Bailey, chairman of the Commission, recently pointed out, one of the objects of the investigations of the Commission will be to obtain, as fully as possible, the opinions of both farmers and of their hands concerning the question of farm labor and the condition of hired help. It is likely that when the Country Life Commission reaches Indiana in the tour of the country which it will make early next month it will endeavor to get into personal touch with this letter writer.

## The Nation's Resources.

WASHINGTON, D. C., November 23. The much talked-of inventory of the Nation's resources is now practically completed. To consider the material it has brought together the National Conservation Commission has just announced its first full meeting for Tuesday, December 1st, in Washington. At that meeting the first steps will be taken toward putting into tangible shape the results of the six months hard work on taking stock of the country's waters, forests, lands and minerals. One week later, after the Commission has gone over the inventory, it will hold a joint meeting in Washington with the Governors of the States and Territories, or their representatives. At this meeting the inventory will be further discussed and the report which the President has requested the Commission to make to him by January 1st, will be formulated.

With less than six months in which to make the inventory, the four branches into which the Commission is divided, aided by the co-operation of the Government departments, have brought together what is probably the most useful collection of facts about the material things on which national industry and progress are based that has ever been assembled at one time. Reports presenting these facts and pointing out their significance have been prepared. These reports, summarized and indexed, will be submitted to the Commission at its coming meeting.

All through the summer general interest in the work and object of the Conservation Commission has been growing. The public is now well posted on a subject of which only a few specialists had knowledge at the time of the Conference of Governors and experts at the White House, in May.

The Governors carried the spirit of the conference home with them to their own people, and have kept things moving ever since by appointing State Commissions to study local problems, by writing and speaking upon the subject of conservation, and by keeping in close and helpful touch with the National Commission. They are ready to take part in the approaching joint meeting. The bare announcement that it had been set for December 8th, resulted in a number of acceptances before the formal invitation of the Commission had even got into the mails.

When the conservation movement was started, specific information about the actual state of our resources was partly wanting, partly inaccessible. Certain facts were broadly known. It was at least unquestionable that our resources had been wastefully used, and that some of them, notably the mines, were sure in time to be completely exhausted, while others, for example the forests, could still be kept perpetually useful by right management. The first work was to get the facts, to show exactly what the situation was and how it could be improved by measures that would work. Without an inventory of the resources which would show the present condition of the resources and the way to develop them to the best advantage, conservation was in danger of staying up in the air.

But the work is now practically done. The facts are there, in dollars and cents, tons of coal, board feet of timber, acre-feet and horse-power of water, acres of land. And the possible reform measures have been weighed. The final report to the President will be the necessary supplement to the addresses at the White House Conference. The note of those addresses was a note of warning. The report is expected to show that the warning must be heeded if the exhaustion of natural resources is not, one day, to impoverish the nation, and it will also undoubtedly bring out how the country's resources can be developed so as to last the longest possible time and serve the greatest good of the people.

## WORTH KNOWING.

To remove Pimples, Blackheads, Blotches and all forms of Skin eruptions, is, according to a well known Physician, a very easy matter; he says that many are afflicted with some one of the above ailments, and are subject to a great deal of embarrassment on account of the unsightly appearance which they present, and recommends the following simple harmless and inexpensive treatment. Go to your Druggist and get this famous skin-filler: Clearone one-half ounce. Either one ounce, Alcohol seven ounces; mix, shake well and apply to the parts affected night and morning, allowing it to remain for at least ten minutes, then wipe off the powder from the skin. Use a soft cloth or sponge in applying the mixture and in from ten days to two weeks your face will be smooth and clear as a marriage bell. Get the Pure Clearone, which is only put up in one-half ounce packages. Ask to see it.

## Springvale People Happy.

The people of Springvale are rejoicing over the news that the W. L. Douglas Co. of Brockton has leased the Preston B. Keith shoe factory, which has been vacant since last spring, and will immediately begin the manufacture of shoes there. The lease was for a term of six years, but it is believed that the removal of the Douglas Co. to that place will be a permanent thing and that the present capacity of the factory will be doubled within a short time by the building of an addition.

Work in the factory began last week. The first cutting was done November 11th. The Douglas Co. will employ about 400 hands, with a weekly pay roll of \$5000 or \$6000.

The Springvale factory is 250 by 50 feet and 4 stories high. It has a capacity of 2400 pairs daily. The factory will be run by electric power, furnished by the Sanford Light & Power Co. It is already equipped with machinery and on most of the machines are individual motors.

You can cure dyspepsia, indigestion, sour or weak stomach, or in fact any form of stomach trouble if you will take Kodol occasionally—just at the times when you need it. Kodol does not have to be taken all the time. Ordinarily you only take Kodol now and then, because it completely digests all the food you eat, and after a few days or a week or so, the stomach can digest the food without the aid of Kodol. Then you don't need Kodol any longer. Try it today on your guarantee. We know what it will do for you. Sold by R. H. Moody.

## Bangor Seminary Gets \$25,000.

BANGOR, ME., November 18. By the provisions of the will of the late Anna A. Burnet of Hilton, N. J., \$25,000 is bequeathed to Bangor Theological Seminary. Miss Burnet was a lifelong friend of President Beach's family and took great interest in the work of the seminary.

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## CONCERNING COMETS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE JOURNAL: The great comet that was so brilliant in 1859 is again approaching the earth, and will be visible through a good opera glass by the time this article is published. The ancients considered a comet a sign of war and called it "the flaming sword on high."

We know a comet only as a brilliant mystery, up to date. Probably a part of mission is to bring additional energy to the earth and to all other planets. Added energy would make a warlike people more warlike.

If a comet brings energy, the fact will be shown by better general health throughout the world and by more healthy crops, and ought to be shown in greater mental energy expressed by an increase in inventions and discoveries, the production of great poems, etc.

I remember that many said the comet was likely to strike the earth and destroy it. Scientific investigation indicates that a comet is without solid matter and is lighter than the lightest known gas and has no substance to strike with, and that this earth may have passed through a comet many times.

A comet looks like a ball of fire with a long spreading, fiery tail, but there is no certainty that its apparent shape is real. As a comet's tail always points away from the sun I was inclined to believe that the apparent tail was only so much space made more brilliant by distant nebula, because the sun's rays were cut off so much space by the comet's so-called head, but this theory would indicate either that the comet "head" was actually larger than its light indicates, or the body of the sun is much smaller than we have been led to believe, or the sun's rays are deflected or spread by passing through the head of the comet, which would indicate that the head was concave-convex in shape. That the tail is not made by shadow is proved by the fact that the shadow behind planets that go out cone-shaped into space produce no such effects.

It may be that a comet is an immense nebula, and what we take for its head is in fact its center, and that the so-called tail is just so much of this nebula body as the changed sun's rays, passing through the center, cause to shine. This seems like a reasonable conclusion, and that the apparent length of the so-called tail is just half the diameter of the real comet, and that the supposed head is the brilliant center of the body. The comet is so transparent that our view of the stars beyond it is not cut off in the least.

We do not know anything of a comet's forces. The way the sun's rays pass through glass indicates that the sun's rays are magnetic. If the comet is also magnetic its conduct ought to indicate this. If it is electric it ought to move at right angles to the sun's rays as the planets do, because electricity and magnetism always operate at right angles to each other.

It may be yet shown that comets and planets tend to repel each other. They certainly cut some strange routes through our solar system. Such points if established would materially affect the science of astronomy. People who are interested in such studies are hoping for a great amount of additional data to be gathered from this visit of the great comet, which in not many weeks will be visible to the naked eye and will be the glory of the heavens for many nights, and leave us a kind of lonesome feeling when it disappears.

C. S. GRIFFIN.

## HEXAMETHYLENETETRAMINE.

The above is the name of a German chemical, which is one of the many valuable ingredients of Foley's Kidney Remedy. Hexamethylenetetramine is recognized by medical texts and authorities as a uric acid solvent and antiseptic for the urine. Take Foley's Kidney Remedy as soon as you notice any irregularities, and avoid a serious malady. R. H. Moody.

## THE PURE FOOD LAW.

The Maine Experiment Station is doing a good work along several lines. The number of grocers caught selling cereal and water for sausage has already been published. A more nefarious fraud was never exposed. After January 1st the grocer and meat dealer who cares to sell other than straight pork sausage must put a placard on every package—great or small—telling what is mixed with the sausage meat. The same is true of doccated vinegar. If other than straight cider vinegar the fact must be stated on every vinegar jug in the land. Dr. Woods is also getting an analysis of the western hay that is being rushed in here to crowd down the Maine product. Some of it is valuable, but a lot of it is valueless for dairy purposes. As one dairyman said to us, "It's all froth and does not make milk." After all the dealers have had timely warning the inspectors employed by the experimental station will change by the former tactics and instead of advising with the erring dealers and, explaining the law and its penalties will become veritable detectives, seeing whom they may get evidence against that they may be punished for their offences.—Turf, Farm and Home.

## RAW LUNGS.

When the lungs are sore and inflamed, the germs of pneumonia and consumption find lodgment and multiply. Foley's Honey and Tar kills the cough germs, cures the most obstinate hacking cough, heals the lungs, and prevents serious results. The genuine is in the yellow package. R. H. Moody.

## GOVERNOR COBB'S PROCLAMATION.

[Rockland Courier-Gazette.]

What will probably be the last public proclamation to be issued by Governor Cobb appears in the announcement just made for Thanksgiving Day, the text of which follows:

"No State is truly great nor can long endure that does not appeal to God for strength in adversity and humility in success. The year now drawing to its close is filled with signs both of warning and encouragement, and that their real meaning may not be misunderstood should be the prayer of all those who love their country and who hope for public and individual well being and of a development of her resources and laws."

"Now therefore, I, William T. Cobb, Governor of the State of Maine, in recognition of the custom established by our forefathers and followed by successive generations, do hereby appoint Thursday, November 26th, as Thanksgiving Day and ask the people of Maine to devote themselves to its observance and service."

"The spirit in which the festival was conceived and the traditions which surround it should incline all to expressions of gratefulness and acts of kindness. Material prosperity may well prove to be a menace to social order, unless it is accompanied by a full sense of its obligations and limitations, but when in the hearts of a people there abide reverence and charity the State is safe and the future secure."

We think this a model paper, brief, dignified, chaste in the character of its English and compact of the spirit that for generations has ruled New England and made this country great. When Governor Cobb goes out of office he will leave behind him a record that will continue to enlarge with the passing years. Not the least among the things that will be said of him will be that during his four years of office his messages and public speeches marked him as a man of a naturally sound and ripe judgment, reinforced by the education and culture of a gentleman.

## ON THE FLIGHT OF BIRDS IN AUTUMN

The more timid of the birds migrate at night, and so cut us off from one of the chief joys of autumn, seeing their regiments cross the sky. The English robin, according to Ruskin, is a night migrant, and in this land the woodpeckers, cuckoos, flycatchers, meadow-larks, orioles, may of the finches, vireos, tanagers, warblers, wrens, nuthatches, and most thrushes prefer night travel. They are timid and afraid of attracting attention if they go in swarms by daylight. It seems they carefully plan their departure, prearrange a date—would that one had the magic ear and shared their council—and then on the fixed night they gather at the note of their leader and fly more or less mingled in a long column; not a compact flock, but separate parties of individuals and small divisions, but always sufficiently near to be guided by the calls of those ahead. The leaders of these migratory flights are the older birds who have had previous experience and who are familiar with the routes of travel.

The swallow is not only a day traveler, but one of the most easily recognized of flyers, whether he go singly or in swarms. Swift and straight as an arrow, he lashes himself forward with his wings and steers with his forked tail. The "footless swallow" he is called because of his inability to stand on the ground; while the horned lark is one of the most graceful of walkers, and Mr. Ruskin waxes eloquent on the ankle motion of the robin—a motion also shared by the American robin, although in color, size, and many habits he differs from his English cousin.

According to Michelet, a swallow is supposed to make about eighty leagues an hour in flight, so that, as Mr. Ruskin says, "leaving Devonshire after an early breakfast, he could be in Africa to lunch."—Harper's Weekly.

Tired mothers, worn out by the peevish, cross baby, have found Cascaesweet a boon and a blessing. Cascaesweet is for babies and children, and is especially good for the ill so common in cold weather. Look for the ingredients printed on the bottle. Contains no harmful drugs. Sold by R. H. Moody.

## HIS TURKEY WAS CROW.

Why the Fine Old Gentleman Hates Practical Politics.

"Bluest Thanksgiving I ever spent?" mused the fine old gentleman who has an unconquerable antipathy to practical politics. "It stands out in my memory like an obelisk on a plane, and it was not so very long ago either."

"I had been induced that fall to run for an important public office. It was done against my better judgment and under great pressure, but when a man enters such a fight he wants to win. I was in a close district and determined to put up the very best fight that the circumstances would permit. I advertised at once for an extra stenographer and from the many who responded selected a beautiful, bright and dashing young woman who justified my immediate faith in her ability. She did all my private correspondence, knew as much about the inside of the campaign as I did, working day and night with a willingness that was surprising, and even took from one of my shrewdest advisers the list of voters in the strong section with which I had to contend, with full instructions as to how the most influential persons among them could be won to my cause. It was great work, and yet I felt several hundred short of the normal party vote."

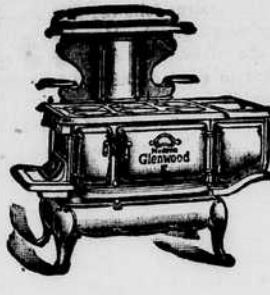
"My successful opponent lived in a neighboring town and graciously invited me to be his guest on the following Thanksgiving. It would have looked surely to refuse, and I went. It was really an admirable social function, but the host met me with a hearty hand clasp. Turning he said, 'My wife. Resplendent in satin and jewels I saw my stenographer. Love and war,' she murmured. 'He thinks I was visiting my old home in New England.' I held my peace, but that fatted turkey tasted like crow."—Detroit Free Press.

**FATHERLY ADVICE.**  
"The farmer," said the young turkey, "seems to be very fond of me. He throws every day and in many ways shows his admiration for me."

"Well," advised the old turkey, "I wouldn't let it go on if I were you. You are apt to lose your head over it."

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## THE TARIFF AND THE FARMER.

Among the forty or more representative men who visited Washington on a certain day during the last session of Congress to ask the appointment of a non-political Tariff Commission was the President of the National Grange, an organization having a membership of more than one million farmers. This gentleman spoke with the authority of these million farmers when he requested that Congress ensure relief from the extortion of the present tariff by having existing schedules examined by a Tariff Commission of experts, consisting in part of departmental officials and in part of manufacturers experienced in cost of production.

That the astute president of the National Grange was right in saying that our farmers are directly interested in an honest adjustment seems to be proved by President Roosevelt's recent statement when appointing a commission to suggest methods for bettering the farmers' condition. The Chief Executive said in part:

"It is at least as important that the farmer should get the largest possible return in money, comfort and social advantages from the crops he grows as that he should get the largest possible return in crops from the land he farms."

What more direct and immediate way is there of helping the farmer to get "the largest possible return in money, comfort and social advantages from the crops he grows" than an adjustment of the tariff on an equitable basis?—American Industries.

## CASTORIA

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## THANKSGIVING IN FRANCE.

M. Blanc's Surprise For His American Guests.

"The most un-American Thanksgiving I ever spent was in a French hotel ten years ago," says a woman contributor to the New York Globe. "The proprietor was a friendly old soul and liberal to a fault. He not only invited all the guests in the house to dinner, but he sent invitations to ex-guests as well. One family who had spent the previous winter with him had gone home to America, leaving their daughter at school. Old M. Blanc sent an invitation to the school, and the demure American and a governess came to Paris and spent the day at the hotel. I had a country house near Paris then, but M. Blanc did not forget me either. So I went into Paris, taking my two girls with me. The hotel was a small one, but well known, and it was a rendezvous for many interesting Americans. The tables were decked with holly and mistletoe. M. Blanc in his arid had mixed up our American fates. He moved about, smiling mysteriously and whispering to questioners that he had a surprise in store for us—a dessert which would make us all feel as if we were not in Paris at all, but back in that far off 'chez vous' whence we had come. There were much laughing and merriment, and we drank M. Blanc's health in his best wine as a mark of appreciation. His waiters soon appeared tottering beneath the weight of a huge plum pudding wreathed in holly and bearing an American and a French flag. Of course we heaped him with praise. He beamed and beamed, poured brandy over his chef d'oeuvre and lighted it, served it himself and said to each person as they thanked him: 'Did I not tell you you would feel chez vous? It is good and hot. Your national dish! Will you have some more fire?'"

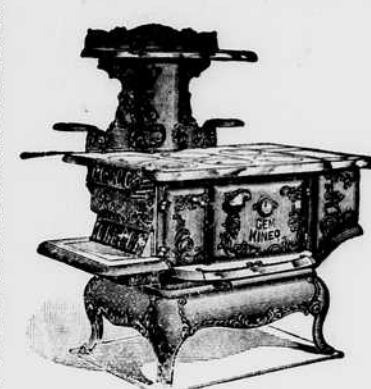
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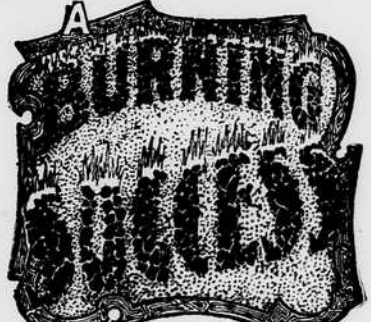
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Bradstreet reports "activity in pig iron." When pig iron gets active there must be something doing.

"Expansion still dominates wholesale trade and industry. Less short time," says Bradstreet of November 21st.

When Croker was asked what he thought of Bryan's candidacy in 1912, he laughed and said he had nothing to say. He did not croak.

Mayor "Tom" Johnson of Cleveland says he is poor; but the bankers of his home city say he is not in such serious straits as he would have the public believe. What is the Mayor's little game?

At Monday's session of the conference of New England Governors in Boston experts said that the hope of this section lies in the apple and the forest. And yet granite, ice, lobsters and the summer visitor are not unimportant factors.

Bryan is evidently laying his cards for the Democratic nomination in 1912; and why not? There is no one in sight to dispute with him the right to again lead his party to defeat. There is a remarkable shortage of presidential timber in the Democratic party of today.

Harper's Weekly speaks of Bryan during the campaign as surrounded by "a lot of cheap skates;" and the New York Evening Post says of Hearst journalism, that it is "swept away with other rotten vegetables." Shades of George William Curtis and William Cullen Bryant, what are we coming to?

The Boston Globe says that Holman Day was invited to lunch with the President at the White House because of the article he published in a magazine last summer on prohibition in Maine. That is all wrong. The President is very much interested in the forestry problem, had read Mr. Day's story of the Maine woods, "King Spruce," and wanted to talk with the author on that subject.

From time to time in the past year or two we have heard of people moving from Aroostook to the older sections of the State. There has, however, been nothing like an exodus, and probably where one family has moved from Aroostook a dozen or more have moved in. These changes are no doubt from personal reasons, as Aroostook is prospering and will continue to prosper, and farm property there is steadily advancing in value. There are vast areas of valuable timber land as yet untouched by the lumberman's axe and thousands of acres of virgin soil that ensure an abundant yield to the farmer. But at the present day scientific agriculture has demonstrated that worn out soil can be renovated or renewed so as to yield equally with that newly brought under cultivation. It indicates the kind of fertilizer needed in certain soils, and the amount required to ensure the best results, and we find that farmers in the older parts of the State are competing successfully in potato raising—both in quantity and quality of the crop—with those of Aroostook. While we have only the reports of our county correspondents as a guide we should say that the surplus crop of potatoes in Waldo county this season cannot be less than 25,000 bushels and may exceed that quantity. The average yield per acre has been raised, and at 50 cents per bushel, the price recently paid in the fall, the crop proved a profitable one.

The first New England conference called by the governors of New England States opened in Boston Monday. The purposes of the conference are in line with the policy of President Roosevelt to secure a national uniformity in laws. This idea of the conference prompted his calling the national conference of governors in Washington last spring and was the indirect means through which the present conference was arranged. It cannot fail to be of great benefit to the section whose interests are immediately concerned, and to the country at large. This conference has for its object harmonious action in regard to the conservation of New England natural resources, and special attention will be given to the subjects of forestry, the protection and preservation of shell fish and the construction and maintenance of good roads. For the discussion of the conservation of New England forests, two noted speakers were called from outside the New England States, National Forester Gifford Pinchot of Washington, D. C., who is also president of the National Conservation commission, and Prof. John Craig of Cornell university, head of the Department of Horticulture at that institution. Leading citizens and persons who are regarded as authorities on each of the subjects present, and it is hoped to secure uniform and harmonious legislation in each of the New England States on the subjects considered.

LINCOLNVILLE CENTER. The schools in town began Monday for the winter term. Rae Rankin, who has been at home from Dark Harbor, returned there Saturday. Mrs. Jordan, who has spent the past summer and fall with her daughter, Mrs. Sadie Knight, returned there Saturday. Frank H. Rankin has reopened his blacksmith shop at the Center and is prepared to do all kinds of blacksmithing and job work. Dr. Aubrey Tower left last Thursday for Damariscotta, where he will open dental parlors. He has had a large patronage during his stay here and has given excellent satisfaction, performing his work in a first class and up-to-date manner and at reasonable prices. His many friends here regret his departure and wish him success. Frank Grey is at home from North Conway, N. H., on account of ill health. Burton Grey arrived home Friday from Bar Harbor. Miss Georgia Miller, a teacher in the grammar school in Vinalhaven, is at home for a holiday vacation. She will return to teach the winter term. Miss Maude McKinney visited in Seabrook last week. Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Richards are receiving congratulations on the recent arrival of a 10-lb. boy—Herbert Blackington. Mr. Frank Higgins is suffering from a severe attack of paralysis of the bowels. He is attended by Dr. Armstrong.

## News of the Granges.

Brooks Grange is to have a harvest feast and a specially good time socially next Monday evening. The Jackson Grange has been invited to be present as guests.

The new grange hall of Tranquility Grange, Lincolnville, is nearing completion and an opening ball will be given on Thanksgiving evening. Brown's orchestra will furnish music.

The National Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, which had been in session in Washington, D. C., for a week, concluded its labors November 19th and adjourned to meet next year at a place and time to be designated by the executive committee.

Comet Grange, Swanville, had a good attendance at the meeting Monday evening, November 16th, and an interesting program. Two new names were proposed for membership. A clam stew was served by the sisters.

Waterville is making preparations for the annual meeting of the State grange, which takes place in that city next month. An entertainment committee has been organized and members will canvass the city for securing available rooms in which visitors may obtain the best accommodations while in the city. Attendance of members at this important State meeting promises to be unusually large.

Star of Progress Grange, Jackson, held a regular meeting Saturday evening, November 21st. Worthy Master J. W. Goodwin in the chair. Two candidates were instructed in the third and fourth degrees. After recess the following program was presented: singing by choir; story, J. W. Goodwin; duet, Verne and Pearl Chase; reading, Abbie Gould; singing by the choir. The grange has six new wall lamps so that the hall is well lighted.

North Waldo Pomona, December 2nd. The program is as follows: Opening exercises; address of welcome, Mrs. Walter Fairbanks; response, Julia White of Northport Light; business routine; recess for dinner; call to order; song, choir; conferring degree in form; piano solo, Jessie Cunningham; question, Resolved, That a bill should be introduced into the next legislature to compel the New England Telephone Company to connect with all other lines; affirmative, C. M. Moore; negative, D. M. Kimball; remainder of program by host grange.

Harvest Moon Grange, No. 57, Thorndike, met November 13th for an all-day session, it being the 34th anniversary of its organization. The forenoon was devoted to social greetings and getting dinner. The dinner was A. 1 and a goodly number of patrons gathered around the table. At the usual hour the afternoon meeting was called to order by Worthy Master R. S. Ward, who called upon the lecturer for the program, which was as follows: song by the choir, Mrs. Abbie Fogg presiding at the organ; a fine anniversary address by Mrs. Belle C. Crosby; by invitation County Deputy Edward Evans, was present and gave an interesting and instructive talk on matters pertaining to the order; song by the choir; rec., "A Place for the Boys," by Mrs. M. A. P. Saward; question, "Does the success of the farmer depend on the man or the farm?" opened by Brother Evans followed by brothers C. E. Smith, E. A. Ware, A. L. Ward and the Worthy Master; readings by Sisters Flora Ward, Alice Cornforth and Rose Coffin; closing song by the choir. A vote of thanks was given brother Evans for his presence and words of help. Visitors were present from Frederic Ritchie Grange, Waldo; Star of Progress, Jackson, and Hillsdale, Thorndike. All returned to their homes feeling that the day had been well spent. Harvest Moon will have a Thanksgiving program November 28th.

## Northport News.

Hudson Brown has been spending the past week in North Haven, where he was the guest of friends and relatives. This is his first visit in some eighteen years and one of a very pleasant nature.

Two deer were killed in Northport last Saturday by local hunters and the whole hunting population were out following the hunt immediately after. Bert Bird and Oscar Drinkwater were the lucky hunters in this instance.

Mrs. Rachel Herrick, who has been quite ill for a number of weeks, has recovered so far as to be able to look after her household duties, and Mrs. Luce, who was caring for her, has returned to Belfast.

Wainville Chapman recently bought the schooner Livelihood of Deer Island parties and will change her hauling port to Northport. The schooner is of forty tons burden, was built in 1903, and is in excellent condition for the coasting trade.

Friends in this town will learn with interest of the announced engagement of Miss Lena French, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel W. French of Thomaston, formerly of Northport, to Henry Beverage of Chicago. Miss French is now engaged as the head nurse in the Knox hospital, Rockland.

Albert A. Blackington of Rockland recently bought the cottage and other property interests of Willard L. Lathrop of Boston at Temple Heights and takes possession this month. Mr. Blackington has been a frequent visitor at Northport and has been pleased with the "Heights" to the extent of a liberal investment.

Willard L. Lathrop, who has been a resident of Temple Heights off and on while owning a cottage there for some years, spending the winters and summers there, left Monday for Providence, R. I., to join Mrs. Lathrop and where he intends to make his home. The "Lathrops" came here a number of years ago and organized a stock company with the intention of building a hotel and improving things generally, but the scheme fell through and the Beacon Ethical Union, the corporation which was formed, is practically insolvent.

## NEAR DEATH'S DOOR.

"I was near to death's door. The doctor said he had done all he could; that my stomach was old and worn out. I was so weak I could not walk. I took Mi-o-na tablets, and have been eating hearty ever since, and I am able to work like a tiger. I wish I could go and thank you myself. I send you my picture, and you can use my word and my picture, and I thank you again." Mrs. Nelson Lucier, 112 Fish Street, Athol, Mass.

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The National W. C. T. U.

The executive committee of the Omaha Woman's Christian Temperance Union decided on October 22-29, 1908, as the dates for the national W. C. T. U. convention. The last convention at Denver voted to go to Omaha next year, the date being left to the local union.

## THE NEWS OF BROOKS.

Mrs. A. E. Chase and her daughter Marie are in Portland, where they will spend the winter. C. E. Lane returned last Saturday from a business trip to Aroostook county.

Norman McTaggart, who has been in poor health for some time, is still confined to the house.

Large quantities of produce are being brought into this station from long distances around us.

A. R. Pilley and Ned Edwards have returned from a hunting trip with two deer each. They went up the Somerset road.

It is now good wheeling in the country. There is some snow on the ground, but as yet we have no sleighing worthy of the name.

Rev. J. W. Vaughan will close his pastorate here next Sunday. He has been very much liked by our people and they are sorry to have him leave us.

A pleasing feature of last Sunday's services at Union church was a solo by Chas. Goodwin. Ned Edwards with his cornet was also welcomed back to his place in the choir.

Chase & Varney have a fine dry goods store in what was the Daniel Jones store, which was enlarged and refitted for their purpose. Mr. Chase has transferred all the dry goods from his old store to this one and Mr. Varney is manager with Robert Stiles as clerk.

The entertainment by the ladies of the Good Templar lodge last week was a decided success, both financially and as an agreeable occasion. They were well patronized and the receipts netted a nice sum for the lodge treasury. The stage was tastefully decorated and the band drill by the ladies was an interesting feature of the occasion. A supper and social at their own hall last Saturday evening was much enjoyed by the young people.

A new street lamp has been placed on Chase's Corner by Mr. Chase. Dow & Hobbs have also placed one on Dow's Corner. They add much to the convenience and appearance of the village, and other business concerns should take notice. There was at one time more than a dozen of these lamps in this village, supported by private liberality and they were commented upon as an evidence of the public spirit and enterprise of our business men. Let us have some more of them.

## FREEDOM.

The prize speaking of the class of 1911, Freedom Academy, was held in the Congregational church Monday evening, November 16th. Mr. Oren Kilgore Gordon of Thorndike won the first prize and Miss Beatrice Parsons of Thorndike the second. The faculty and students of the Academy gave a grand reception in the girls' dormitory from 8 to 10 o'clock Wednesday evening, November 18th. The halls, reception rooms and dining hall were prettily decorated. Cake and cocoa were served in the dining room and the occasion was much enjoyed. Mrs. Alice Dodge has returned home after passing several weeks with relatives in New Jersey and Massachusetts. The inspecting officer, Mrs. Robinson from Winslow, inspected D. B. Carter Circle, Ladies of the G. A. R., November 18th. The Freedom Lumber Company have put in a dynamo to generate electricity to light their building. Harold Small of Monroe, a graduate of Freedom Academy, called on friends in the village the past week. George Dow is working for Willard Sparrow in the blacksmith shop. Henry Snadell is working for Dana Banton. Jesse Sampson has returned to his uncle's, Charles Sampson's, after spending several weeks with his parents in Augusta. Mrs. Ada Plummer of Monroe is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Thompson. Mrs. Abbie C. Keen is spending Thanksgiving with her sister, Mrs. Nellie McGray, of Unity.

## EAST SEABROOK.

Mrs. Annie Brewster spent last week in Lincolnville. Mr. and Mrs. H. Clark have moved to the Will Wellman place, formerly known as the Hiram Pierce farm. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Donnell have moved to Frank Woods for the winter. Percy Buzzell left November 12th for Newburyport, Mass., where he has employment. Arthur Heal has gone to Lincolnville to live with his daughter, Mrs. Flavill O. Young. Mr. and Mrs. Howard Elms have returned home from Taunton, Mass. Mr. Elmer French shot a fine deer November 18th near the home of Frank Levenseller. Mr. French was acting as substitute for our mail carrier, Ralph W. Richards, and while making his trip saw the deer feeding in the orchard and shot it. Thomas Hall has made some repairs on his L. Leslie Morrison has been hauling Christmas trees to Belfast.

## HOW'S THIS?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.

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## TRANSFERS IN REAL ESTATE.

The following transfers in real estate were recorded in Waldo county Registry of Deeds for the week ending November 23, 1908:

Leander A. Bowler, Palermo, to Amos B. Brown, Montville; land and buildings in Montville.

Amos B. Brown, Palermo, to Ernest C. Bailey, do; land in Palermo.

Bryant & Co., by trustee, to William W. Moulton, Unity; land in Unity.

Belfast Savings Bank, Belfast, to John F. Crowley, Bangor; land and buildings in Islesboro.

Louisa J. C. Coombs, et als, Islesboro, to Belfast Savings Bank, Belfast; land and buildings in Islesboro.

William S. Drinkwater, et als, Brooklyn, N. Y., to Seymour Chapman, Northport; land in Northport.

Manley Foote, Seabrook, to Peter Ward, do; land in Seabrook.

D. C. Greenleaf, et als, Northport, to Orono M. E. church; land and buildings in Northport.

Ada E. Griffin, et als, Stockton Springs, to Hannah M. Pendleton, do; land and buildings in Stockton Springs.

Arthur P. Heal, Seabrook, to Alma E. Young, Lincolnville; land and buildings in Lincolnville.

Geo. L. Hall, Lowell, to Leland L. Hamlin, Jackson; land and buildings in Jackson.

Josephine C. Hazeltine, Belfast, to Clara J. Ginn, Boston; land and buildings in Stockton Springs and Seabrook.

Lena E. Jones, Brooks, to A. E. Chase, do; land in Brooks.

C. E. Lane, Brooks, to Samuel F. Ryan, do; land and buildings in Brooks.

Jane E. Leavitt, Belfast, to Geo. L. Bean, do; land in Belfast.

Jennie E. Manning, Lincolnville, to C. F. Tuenoe, et als, do; land in Lincolnville.

Nellie M. Miles, Burnham, to Walter W. Flye, et als, Unity; land and buildings in Burnham.

Cyrus H. Roberts, Knox, to W. P. Wentworth, do; land and buildings in Knox.

Dana M. Rand, Monroe, to Susana M. Rand, do; land in Monroe.

Jessie Louise Roberts, Boston, to Burton E. Webber, Seabrook; land and buildings in Seabrook.

Mrs. A. M. Rerup, Woonsocket, R. I., to F. E. Spratt, Palermo; land in Palermo.

Fred E. Stevens, Frankfort, to Daniel M. Kimball, Monroe; land in Frankfort.

Clarence M. Stevens, Monroe, to M. Blanche Stevens, do; land in Monroe.

Geo. F. Sherman, Burnham, to Olive A. Sherman, do; land and buildings in Burnham. (2 deeds.)

Frank C. Tibado, Northport, to Matthew Leadbetter, North Haven; land and buildings in Palermo.

Christine I. Ward, Frankfort, to Frank A. Moore, Revere; land in Frankfort.

## NORTH SEABROOK.

Irwin P. Harris is doing quite a business getting out Christmas trees.

E. W. Thompson has gone to the Moosehead lake region in search of large game.

Mrs. Lizzie Howard of Swanville is stopping with her sister, Mrs. James M. Nickerson.

Enos Flag of Monroe was in town last week and took home Mrs. Flora E. Sanborn and family.

Mrs. Nelson Kimball and Mr. E. N. Gilkey of Islesboro were in town last week, the guests of Mrs. C. H. Gilkey.

Mr. and Mrs. Altana Dutch and Miss Katherine M. Scribner of Belfast were at H. T. Scribner's last Sunday.

Miss Ethel Flood and brother Stillman of Belfast were at their aunt's, Mrs. J. H. Littlefield's, last Saturday evening.

Fred E. Small, Fred W. Smart and Marshall H. Nickerson while setting poles for the Monroe & Brooks Telephone line last Saturday saw a large buck deer.

Ralph Scribner of the N. E. Telegraph & Telephone Co. was at home over Sunday. His brother, Percy Scribner, who has been at home for the past three weeks, returned to Portland with him.

Mr. and Mrs. John Littlefield and daughter Margaret, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Ames and Mr. and Mrs. Will Ames, will eat their Thanksgiving dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Simon Littlefield in North Stockton Springs.

DODGE'S CORNER. Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Moody of Winterport were at their cottage, "Uncle Tom's Cabin," last Sunday. Winifred Matthews is thought to be slowly gaining. Harriet M. Nickerson returned last Monday from Massachusetts, where she has been visiting friends and relatives.

SWANVILLE. Mrs. E. L. Cunningham and daughter Eena spent Sunday in Brooks. The Ladies' Aid Society will meet with Mrs. H. M. Chase December 10th. All please come prepared to represent some book. Mrs. J. W. Nickerson left for Somerville, Mass., Monday night to visit her daughters. Hon. A. E. Nickerson was thrown from his carriage in Belfast last Saturday, injuring his head and shoulders. Mrs. H. F. M. Phillips has gone to Unity to care for her sister, Mrs. J. W. Bacon. The Pearl Young Theatre Company played at the Town House last week. Miss Gracie Clark won the prize for being the prettiest girl in the hall Friday evening. In the contest for the most popular girl or child Miss Hazel Marr received the prize. Miss Carrie Seelye, who has been attending Castine Normal School, is at home. Mr. Foster C. Small, who has been spending his vacation in Worcester, Mass., returned home. Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Nickerson spent Sunday in Prospect. Messrs. Albert Cunningham and Augustus Engstrom have returned from a hunting trip at Greenfield.

SOUTH MONTEVILLE. Arthur Sprague shot a deer in Palermo last week. Mr. and Mrs. I. S. Bartlett are visiting in Dover, Me. Mrs. O. P. Fuller and daughter Edith visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Q. Adams, last week. Mr. O. W. Ripley has bought a pair of horses. H. R. Pease has returned home to spend Thanksgiving.

## Garment Sale!

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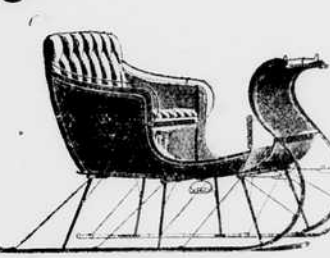
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deceased. All persons having demands against the estate of said deceased are desired to present the same for settlement, and all indebted thereto are requested to make payment immediately to Robert F. Dunton of Belfast, Maine, my authorized agent. ANNA PARKS, Sutton, New Hampshire, November 10, 1908. 3w48

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## THE NEWS OF BELFAST.

There were selling in Houlton last week \$1.50 per barrel.

The public schools were dismissed yesterday and will not reopen until next Monday.

Charles Bradley ordered of Fogg & Co. a Thanksgiving dinner for 12 persons.

The Social Aid will meet with Mrs. Wilson tomorrow, Friday, after-noon.

Whitehead has bought in Boston a new trucking business to re-open recently.

There will be a recent supper at Trinity church to-morrow, Friday, at 6 o'clock.

The Belfast Gas and Electric Company is now doing up the wiring and furnishing lamps and needed in installing electric lights.

The value of the Belfast W. C. T. U. has been the first of the year.

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The Cosmopolitan has been added to the free list of the Public Library.

A bound volume of "Life" was recently found near the Library and the owner can learn its whereabouts by inquiring there.

There will be an election of officers at the regular meeting of Thomas H. Marshall Post next Tuesday afternoon and a full attendance of the members is earnestly requested.

VETERANS' MEETING. Waldo County Veterans Association will meet with E. M. Billings, Post, Monroe, December 3, 1903. If stormy, the meeting will be postponed one week.—A. Stinson, Secretary.

Recent visitors at the Library have been interested in the fine pictures of Abbottsford, the beautiful home of Sir Walter Scott. The several views, both of the exterior and interior of the charming and historic place are the property of the librarian, Miss Annie L. Barr who secured them during her trip abroad.

A TRACTION CAR. Monday afternoon we found Fred V. Cottrell and Jos. G. Patterson at work in the headhouse of Gilchrist's marine railway on what might have been taken for a mammoth kite or a flying machine, but on enquiry was told that it was to be a traction car for H. H. Linn, proprietor of the dog show which recently visited Belfast. The frame is of white ash, cut in Waldo county, and said to be harder and tougher than ash grown elsewhere, with North Carolina pine covering and ceiling, finished bright, and bronze iron work. The car is 28 feet long, 6 feet, 6 inches wide and 6 feet, 6 inches high. It will contain a 9 foot engine room with a generator to run electric lights, a living room, kitchen and refrigerator. The engine and other machinery is under construction in Waterville. This car will draw two other cars and in the summer the show will travel in this way. In the winter, when the show is given in halls, Mr. and Mrs. Linn will use the engine car to live in when travelling from place to place. They could not have entrusted the work to better hands. There are no better workmen in the State than Messrs. Cottrell and Patterson.

THE GAME SEASON. Roy Dorr of Bucksport went to Prospect last Thursday morning after a deer and returned late in the afternoon with a good sized one. On the same morning Manley Abbott and Murray Clay of Bucksport started out to look over the woods on Verona to see what they could find, as it had been reported that there were deer on the island. They returned at night, bringing with them two deer, which they had killed during the day. Friday the woods were full of hunters looking for deer. Dana Spaulding of Camden shot a fine buck deer at Lincolnville Beach last Thursday. Amos Clement and his son John returned last week from a most enjoyable outing in Northern Maine. They each got a deer. Mr. Clement had his shipped here and John's went through to Seal Harbor, where he is staying at present. Among the recent game arrivals at Bangor were the following: C. M. Williams, Islesboro, 1 deer; W. J. Getchell, Unity, 2 deer; Mrs. B. F. Howe, Searsport, 2 deer; M. Harriman, Bucksport, 2 deer; A. L. Glidden, Clinton, 2 deer. Ralph Wood and George Trull got a deer last Saturday in Northport near the Ramsey place.

STEAMER NEWS. Capt. T. R. Shute, who has been on the steamer Penobscot on the Kennebec route, says that there is no doubt but that the turbine steamers Camden and Belfast will be placed on the Boston and Bangor route the coming season. The City of Bangor and City of Rockland are needed on the Kennebec route. The Eastern Steamship Co. has always done a large and profitable business and once clear of the Consolidated Company will continue to grow and prosper. The turbine steamers Yale and Harvard, of the Metropolitan's outside line between Boston and New York, are laid up for the winter in Boston harbor. The past season has been a record breaker for the two boats. They carried 130,000 passengers. Each craft covered 76,500 miles, and this wonderful record was made without an accident of any kind. The receivers' report in the case of William A. Muller of Boston against the Eastern Steamship Co. was confirmed by Judge Putnam in the United States circuit court, Boston, November 23d, after a hearing at which no objection was offered. The report showed undisputed claims amounting to \$1,267,481, and disputed claims aggregating \$117,538. It was understood all the undisputed bills had been paid and that one of the largest of those in dispute was in process of adjustment. Judge Putnam thought the whole matter of the Eastern Steamship litigation might be ended by December 7th.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. James H. Howes, Old Fellows' block, announces a garment sale for one week, to open Saturday, November 28. His entire stock of women's and children's garments must be reduced and prices have been reduced 25 to 50 per cent. Don't miss this opportunity. The store will close at noon to-day. Fred A. Johnson, Masonic Temple, has his new furs, line of 1908-9, ready for inspection and it is the largest and most complete he has ever assembled. It includes new fur neck pieces, muffs and sets of all kinds—inexpensive, medium and fine—and of the styles most favored for the season. Every piece is sold under a guarantee that means something. The store will close at noon today. If you have neglected to order your Thanksgiving Day dinner until this morning you will find everything you need at the market of Fogg & Coombs. They have this season the finest lot of poultry ever shown in Belfast, with meats of all kinds, as well as vegetables and canned goods. H. J. Locke & Son sell the celebrated Elgin watches. They have received and will be pleased to show their usual large stock of Christmas goods and prices are as low as satisfactory goods can be sold. M. P. Woodcock & Son are opening new goods daily, and the display of brass goods in one window and the 25 cent picture window have already attracted much attention and many buyers. They have a fine stock of books, a favorite gift with many. If you want to make a useful Christmas gift call at the furniture store of H. E. McDonald, 70 Main street. He will sell anything in his stock as cheaply as it can be bought in the State of Maine. Long and short kimono at The Fashion, High street, 49 cents to \$3.50. We have had the first fall of snow and if you have not yet got a sleigh it is time you were thinking about it. The man you want to see is E. R. Conner, Front street. He carries the State Prison sleighs, the best on the market, up-to-date in every respect, and also has western sleighs. In fact, he can furnish any kind of a sleigh you want, and he also carries robes, blankets, harnesses and whips. The store of D. P. Palmer, Masonic Temple, has long been headquarters for Santa Claus and this season he will be on hand with more pretty and desirable gifts than ever before. For further particulars see The Journal next week. Thayer, the jeweler, who you will find up stairs in the Mixer block, Main street, is ready for Christmas with a stock of new goods of the finest quality—rings, watches and all kinds of jewelry, cut glass, clocks, plated and solid silverware, and the Waterman & Parker pens. Chase & Doak, jewelers, invite the people of Belfast and vicinity to visit their store and look over their holiday stock. This business was established in 1826 by Timothy Chase, grandfather of the senior member of the present firm, and Mr. Doak served his apprenticeship with Hiram Chase.

A SUDDEN DEATH. Mrs. Frances Hoffes of Morrill died very suddenly in this city Monday from heart failure, aged 73 years. She was apparently in good health and came to Belfast to do some shopping. While in the dry goods department of Carle & Jones about 1 p. m. she complained of being faint and asked the young lady who was waiting on her to fan her for a moment, and then dropped to the floor. A traveling man who was in the store at the time raised her head and a physician was summoned at once, but death must have been instantaneous. Mrs. Hoffes was a daughter of the late Eleazer and Mehtable Whitcomb and widow of Adoniram Hoffes, who died in 1901. She is survived by one daughter and two sons—Mrs. Cora Phinney of Haverhill, Mass., Hiram Hoffes of Belfast and Charles Hoffes of Morrill. The funeral services were held yesterday in Morrill, Rev. David Brackett officiating.

MRS. HYAMS' GIFT TO THE HOSPITAL. Mrs. William Hyams of New York city, who spent the summer in Belfast as usual with her father, Arnold Harris, Esq., manifested much interest while here in the Waldo County Hospital and expressed her intention of doing something in aid of this deserving institution. Before leaving she had selected a room which she wished to furnish and for which she soon after bought the furniture. The room, however, was without a radiator and there was no way of heating it. On being so advised, Mrs. Hyams replied as follows:

NEW YORK, Nov. 21, 1903.

Mr. C. O. Poor,

Dear Sir: You will please have a radiator and its connections with the main pipe put in at once, and by whom you please, and send me the bill. I am sending the furniture up at once from H. E. McDonald's. Some few things I am leaving out at the present as I may ship from here so as to get nearer what might be more useful. Anything that is necessary please write a list of (after I have sent what I think) and it will be supplied.

Respectfully,

MRS. WM. HYAMS,

By L. H.

SHIPPING ITEMS. The cutter Woodbury is on the marine railway, South Portland, for repairs. Sch. Wawenock has sailed from Belfast for New York with a cargo of cut stone for the Blackwell's Island bridge. Schs. Carrie Buckman, Annie Ainslie and Margaret M. Ford are loading paving at Mosquito Mountain wharf for New York. The Boston fishing schooner Mary C. Santos, which has been hauled off for the winter, stocked about \$40,000 during the season. This allowed a profit of nearly \$1,000 to each man. When the northeast snow storm set in November 18th it found a fleet of 50 storm-bound vessels at anchor in Rockland harbor the largest number in port there at one time since the line fleet was replaced by barges. Most of the vessels were loaded with granite or lumber. The six-masted schooner Edward B. Winslow, launched at Bath November 24th, is the largest wooden schooner in the world. She is 318.3 feet long, 50 feet beam and 29 feet deep, her gross tonnage being 3424. Her gross tonnage exceeds that of the Eleanor A. Percy by 23 tons, relegating the Percy to second position as to size. Sch. M. V. B. Chase, before reported as chartered to load stone at High Island for Philadelphia, is loading part cargo of lumber at Stern's mills and will finish cargo at Lowell & Engel's mill, Bangor. Sch. Hiram Lowell of Capt. T. M. Nicholson's fleet, is being refitted at Bucksport with wire rigging. Gardner of Castine is doing the work. As soon as completed she will clear for Newfound and after a cargo of herring. The work of taking up the buoys along the Maine coast at the mouths of the rivers, and in the rivers themselves, is well under way and will soon be completed. The Boston Globe of Monday says: "It is reported that the George McQuesten company of this city, owners of the schooner Frank Barnett, which was burned a sea recently while on a passage from this port to Brunswick, will place a contract with a Belfast firm of shipbuilders for a four-masted schooner to replace the lost craft." If this schooner is built it will be built by George A. Gilchrist, builder of the Frank Barnett and other vessels in the McQuesten fleet. Mr. Gilchrist is in Boston this week, and is expected to return with the contract in his pocket. Capt. E. S. McDonald of schooner Annie B. Mitchell was at home the first of the week while his vessel was receiving a new bilboom at Rockland. In towing out of Long Cove with a cargo of stone for Philadelphia the hawser fouled the bobstay, carrying away the bilboom, and Capt. McDonald put into Rockland for repairs.

A COMING EVENT AT THE NORTH CHURCH. No trouble has been spared by the members of the North Congregational Church Guild to make their sale, supper and entertainment, to be held at the church tomorrow, Friday, afternoon and evening, a unique and successful affair. The sale will open at 3 o'clock, and beside the candy table, many dainty hand-made articles suitable for Christmas gifts will be displayed for sale. Prices will be reasonable, and a special effort has been made to have a variety of articles selling for 50 and 25 cents. At 5:30 the chafing dish supper will begin. Creamed chicken, creamed peas, Welsh rarebit, sandwiches, cake and coffee will be served on the European plan by a corps of waiters gowned in white. The waiters will be prepared to give checks and the cashier will be on hand to transact business in regular restaurant fashion. Little tables, seating four are to be arranged about the room, where the patrons' orders will be served from 5:30 to 7 o'clock. At eight o'clock a unique entertainment, "The Reveries of a Bachelor," will be given. The Bachelor, coming home from a ball where he has been accepted, sits down for a quiet smoke, and while he is so engaged all the girls he has ever loved appear before him. As he is a college man, who has travelled around the world, they are many in number and variety. A number of the costumes, which will be the "real thing," are to be loaned to the Guild by Mrs. H. P. Adams. There will be a musical accompaniment, vocal or instrumental, with each picture, and this will be one of the most attractive features of the program. The cast is as follows: The Bachelor, Mr. John R. Dunton; His Valet, Mr. Bert L. Davis; His First Sweetheart, Katherine Brown; Miss Freda Sylvester; Miss Lou Stantial; Japanese Girl, Miss Lou Thompson; English Girl, Miss Florence Boynton; Norman Girl, Miss Marjorie Shaw; Spanish Girl, Miss Louise Brown; Dutch Girl, Miss Ruth Kimball; Turkish Girl, Miss Bertha Wiley; Scotch Lassie, Miss Mattie Wiley; Egyptian Girl, Miss Grace Hale; Irish Girl, Miss Alice Parker; German Girl, Mrs. May Davis; Chinese Girl, Mrs. Freda Follett; Hindu Girl, Mrs. Pearl Wilson; Burmese Girl, Miss Florence Dunton; American Girl, Miss Caro Hatch; Debutante, Miss Winnie Kimball; Favorite Hostess, Mrs. Della Brown; Summer Girl, Miss Grace Chadwick; Winter Girl, Miss Emory Ginn; Nurse, Miss Maude Steward; Girl Who Jilted Him, Miss Katherine Quimby; His Little Pet, Elizabeth Kittredge; Auto Girl, Miss Margarette Plabury; Favorite Chaperone, Mrs. Robert Dunton; The Widow, Miss Anne Kittredge; The Bride to Be, Miss Edith West.

Reader, Miss Anne M. Kittredge, accompanist, Miss Amy E. Stoddard, assisted by Miss Katherine C. Quimby, Miss Caro Hatch, Miss Louise W. Richards, Miss Anne M. Kittredge and Bert L. Davis. Admission to entertainment, 15 cents.

A subscriber writes: "I don't spend any money which brings me a better return than which goes to pay for The Journal."

Eldridge S. Pitcher and Samuel J. Pettigill have been drawn as grand jurors for the January term of the Supreme court, and George F. Black and Herbert L. Bucklin as petit jurors.

There will be an entertainment in the Pears Mills new hall Thursday evening, December 3d. Clam stew supper. Admission ten cents; supper fifteen cents. The proceeds will go for the benefit of the hall. All come and see "The Country School."

The World's Temperance Sunday, November 29th, has been observed for so many years that it seems unnecessary to call attention to it. It is hoped all pastors in Waldo county will preach an appropriate sermon, and special services by the Sunday school are always interesting.

The Journal recently made editorial mention of the daily newspaper to be published in Boston by the Christian Scientists and to be called The Christian Science Monitor. The first number was issued yesterday, November 25th, and the paper will be on sale regularly at the store of M. P. Woodcock & Son.

Fred D. Jones went over to Brooksville last week to visit his mother, who has been an invalid for a long time, and Monday news was received here of her death. Mrs. Essie P. Carle went to Brooksville Tuesday to attend the funeral service, which was held yesterday afternoon. The store of Carle & Jones was closed from 1 to 3 p. m.

Those who are looking for farms—and this class of property seems to be in growing demand—are referred to three very desirable properties within the city limits. They are the N. S. Piper place in East Belfast, the Thomas Gannon place on lower Congress street, and Elmbrook farm, owned by Horace Cheney. These properties are advertised in The Journal and any further information desired will be furnished by their respective owners.

The special Thanksgiving meeting of John Cochran Chapter, D. A. R., will be held with Mrs. E. S. Pitcher at 2 p. m. Friday. The subject of the meeting will be "The Pilgrims," and the roll-call will be answered with names of the signers of the Mayflower Compact. The paper of the afternoon will be on "The Women of the Mayflower," and the reading will include Whittier's "The Mayflowers," "The Pilgrim Fathers" by John Pierpont, and selections from Jane Austin's "Standish of Standish."

The next meeting of Seaside Chautauqua Circle will be with Mrs. George Mahoney, 7 Salmon street, Monday afternoon, November 30th. Roll-call, select quotations; lesson; from chapter eight of the C. L. S. C. book, "Foundations of Modern Europe," and from the magazine, Search Questions. The program will include a sketch of Humboldt, a paper, Tallyrand, The Holy Alliance. Questions. What important facts have you noted in the study of chapter eight? How does Napoleon compare with other great men of history?

There were three operations in one day recently at the Waldo County Hospital, and for some weeks past the rooms have all been occupied and several patients have had to wait to gain admission. It was hoped to have had the maternity ward finished this winter, but this cannot be done until additional heating apparatus is installed and there are no funds in hand with which to do it. What is needed is a boiler of sufficient capacity to heat the whole building. If that could be furnished the maternity ward could be completed at once.

NORTH BELFAST. A supper and sale of fancy articles will be held in schoolhouse hall Wednesday evening, Dec. 2, under the auspices of the Ladies Aid Society. A musical entertainment will follow the picnic supper, all of which will be given for an admission fee of 15 cents. If stormy, the event will come off the next fair evening. Ripley Whitcomb, who was badly injured by falling off a cart, and has since been very sick, is somewhat improved at this writing. Fred Holmes has built a new building in which to store his sawdust. Will Mason has a barber shop at his home which is well patronized. He has erected a pole and has all equipments of a barber shop. Mrs. Helen Emmons and Mrs. Jennie Morse and children, who spent the summer here, returned to their home in Massachusetts last Monday.

T. H. Marshall Circle, Ladies of the G. A. R., was inspected November 17th by Department Secretary Ruth N. Robinson, Department President Harriet G. Burr making a visit at the same time. The inspector reports that they found a most promising Circle doing unusually good work and great credit was due the Circle President, Mrs. Mary A. Russ, for the splendid way she gave the president's work showing a deep conception of the beauty of the ritual. After the inspection, a fine banquet was served, at which many of the Post were present, a social hour was spent, and the department officers left delighted with the ladies of Belfast Circle. The Circle will elect officers at their meeting next Tuesday afternoon.

Wilmer J. Dorman, treasurer of the Belfast Savings Bank, has made a collection of portraits of the men actively identified with the bank to hang on the walls of the trustees room. They are enlarged photographs uniform in size and framed alike. He now has portraits of Nathan F. Houston, John H. Quimby, Charles B. Hazeltine, Asa Faunce and Dr. John G. Brooks and will soon have one of Edward Johnson. Mr. Houston is the only one of these living, and he is the sole survivor of the original incorporators. The bank has had but four presidents since its organization, Messrs. Faunce, Houston and Johnson preceding the present head of the institution, Robert F. Dunton, Esq. Dr. Brooks and Charles B. Hazeltine took an active part in the management in their day, and the bank is generally recognized as one of the solid financial institutions of Maine.

WINDOW DISPLAYS. Although it is yet four weeks to Christmas the attractive window displays are reminding people that the holiday season is at hand, and that it is time for shoppers to "get busy." One of the most unusual and artistic displays is the "brass window" at M. P. Woodcock & Sons, where is seen a tempting variety of hammered and burnished brass, including the useful and the ornamental. Their 25 cent picture window is also tempting to many. H. J. Locke & Son, whose window is always attractive, have been displaying the widely known Pickard hand-painted china, with a fine selection of cut glass. The stock in both lines is the largest and finest ever shown in Belfast. The dry goods stores of James H. Howes in Odd Fellows' block and Fred A. Johnson in Masonic Temple, make a specialty of window displays at all seasons, but they are made specially attractive during the holidays. The grocers, A. A. Howes & Co., Swift & Paul and Whitten Brothers have had for the past week a tempting array of good things for the Thanksgiving feast. Swift & Paul's cheese window made such a hit last week that by Saturday night their stock was nearly depleted. Don't forget to look in the shop windows, and take note beforehand of the advertisements in The Journal.

SANDPOINT. Mrs. S. M. Grant has been in Orland the past week with her brother, who is ill. Mrs. F. S. Harriman is in the Belfast Hospital for treatment. School in this district closed last week. Miss Clara Berry was the teacher. A. W. Shute is at home from stmr. J. T. Morse for the winter. J. Edwin Grant was in Camden two days last week on business. The workmen employed by the Electric Co., who have been boarding here, have moved to the village. Several deer have been killed around town the past week. Early Friday morning Harry Partridge shot one and later in the day Hiram Grant and Fred Hartson shot one. The first snow came November 18th, but it has nearly all gone at this writing. A pie social was held in the hall Wednesday evening with a good attendance. The writer has a lobster cactus that has sixty blossoms and buds.

LIBERTY. Miss Stella Cram has returned from Camden, where she has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. S. N. Butler. Miss Grace Boynton is at home for a few weeks. Mrs. Llewellyn Post, who has been quite ill for some weeks, is reported as gaining slowly. Several thousand more small fish were put into the lake last week. Mrs. Hattie Cook and Miss Mary Cook are in Waterville for the winter. E. G. Norton will christen his new Norton Hall Thanksgiving night by giving a free complimentary dance to neighbors and friends. Good music will be provided and a good time is looked for. The High school pupils will have an entertainment in about two weeks, at the close of the school term.

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Our showing of New Fur Neck Pieces, Muffs and Sets is the largest and most complete that we have ever assembled. All kinds are included—inexpensive, medium and fine—and in every grade the qualities are the best that leading Furriers have produced. The stock is entirely new and the styles are the most favored for the season of 1908-9.

But variety and exclusive styles are not the ONLY ADVANTAGES WE OFFER. OUR QUALITIES ARE ABSOLUTELY TRUSTWORTHY. EACH FUR IS CALLED BY ITS RIGHT NAME. EVERY PIECE IS SOLD UNDER GUARANTEE THAT MEANS SOMETHING. Therefore, it is SAFE to buy Furs here. Even the least experienced buyer can choose without fear of fraud or deceit, because nothing that is not worthy ever enters our Fur stock. Here are details of the best stock we ever had:

50 inch Isabella Coney Fancy Throw, \$3.50	72 inch Satin Lined Blue Opossum Shawl Pillerine, 10.00
54 inch Satin Lined Blue Hare Throw, 3.98	54 inch Satin Lined Japanese Mink Throw, 10.00
95 inch Isabella Coney Boa, 5.00	57 inch Satin Lined Grey Squirrel Throw, 10.00
62 inch Satin Lined Chin-chillette Throw, 5.00	82 inch Satin Lined Imitation Mink Shawl Pillerine, 12.00
58 inch Satin Lined Isabella Opossum Throw, 5.00	66 inch Satin Lined Blended Squirrel Throw, 12



## Maine's Forests.

Fortcoming Report of Commissioner Ring.

The fourth biennial report of Hon. Edgar E. Ring, forest commissioner of Maine, is in the hands of the printer and the 150 or more pages will contain much valuable information to all interested in the forests of the State.

The features of the report will be an interesting article on the history of the wild lands of the State, dealing with their disposition from the times of the early grants down to the times of practically the last acre the State owned. A list of the islands sold by Maine and Massachusetts is given in response to the frequent inquiries for information of this kind. A resume of the forest fires of 1907 and 1908 is also given, dealing with the causes, acreage burned over, money damage, etc. An article that will be of more than usual interest, will be one from the pen of Prof. W. J. Morse, of the Maine Agricultural station dealing with the "white pine blight." His assurances should set at rest the anxiety concerning the cause of the death of many of our small white pine the past two seasons. He shows that it was without doubt caused by weather conditions of the past two winters.

FOREST FIRES OF 1907. Timber land holders were given very little occasion for worry in 1907 as it was almost impossible for fire to run in the green growth. The total area burned over in the unincorporated townships was only 2124, less than one tenth of a township, with a loss of only \$5,257.

The entire loss to the State by forest fires in 1907, both in unincorporated and incorporated towns was only \$14,567. That included a \$5000 loss in the town of Standish in Cumberland county, the greater portion being to buildings in the path of the flames.

The causes of the 1907 fires were as follows: Unknown, 1; clearing land, 6; campers, 2; burning rubbish, 1; railroads, 2; berry pickers, 1; incendiary, 1; river drivers, 1.

## MR. RING'S RECOMMENDATIONS.

In his conclusion and recommendations to the Legislature Mr. Ring says: "The forest fires of the season of 1908 should drive home to the people of Maine the need of the most thorough protective legislation. The long continued drought of 1908 made conditions more than unusually difficult, but we had have dry seasons before and shall have them again. The results of this season's work shows that Maine has good fire laws as any State in the Union."

"It is unnecessary to speak of the value of our forests they are extensive and valuable and unless destroyed by fire the danger from a lumber famine is very remote. The wasteful cutting of our spruce is practically a thing of the past and our woodlands will be reforested by nature if proper care is exercised in cutting the timber. There is no fear but this will be looked after by the land owners, but if they are to be protected from the fire the State must do it."

"Well enforced laws for the protection of our fish and game has made our forest a paradise for sportsmen, who are slow to take adverse action. During the open season our woods are filled with hunters, who leave in the State hundreds of thousands of dollars and give employment to up wards of 2,000 guides."

"But while they are welcome guests they should not be allowed to enter our forests during a dry and dangerous period and I believe a law should be enacted similar to that recently passed by the State of Vermont, authorizing the government to issue a proclamation to prohibit all hunters from entering the woods of the State during an extremely dry period."

"As a further protection I recommend that the close time upon all inland animals and game birds, be extended to October first at least upon the wild lands."

"For some years an effort has been made by the Maine Sportsman Association to have laws enacted prohibiting the taking of firearms into the woods during the close time on game. Like all new legislation that is suggested for the better protection of our forests and game, considerable opposition to it was shown and the matter was dropped. I believe the time has come when such a law should be passed. Few persons take a gun into the woods during close times with any good intent. The claim by some guns are needed for protection from wild beasts is too absurd to notice."

"Such a law will keep out of the woods during the summer season a class of men who have undoubtedly been the cause of our forest fires."

"I can suggest no change in the fire warden law, but a sufficient emergency fund should be available to work with during an extremely long dry season. We should have a sufficient fund to patrol all our waterways and thoroughfares."

While \$7010 has expended during the season of 1907, it will require at least \$40,000 to do efficient work for a season like 1908. Such a season is rare but we should be prepared to meet it when it comes. The sum of \$40,000 is expended annually for the protection of our game. Is Maine's game more valuable than its forests?"

## FINANCIAL NOTES.

[From a New York Letter.]

"Jim Hill" (as he is popularly called) created a sensation by his additional dividend on the Northern Pacific, the amount (\$17,000,000) exceeding the highest expectation. Another sensation in the financial center was the sale of \$9,000,000 worth of railroad bonds in five hours, a rapidly disappearing thing. Taking this in connection with sales of 1,500,000 shares of the best stocks in one day, it indicates an extraordinary renewal of confidence. And then look at the improved condition of the banks of this city, which reported last November a deficit of \$54,000,000, but now have a surplus of \$33,000,000. What a wonderful change!

The conviction of Morse also had the same effect, as it showed that the gentlemanly bank robber is equally liable to penalty with the midnight burglar, and Morse's high position proved no safeguard. All of these facts show an improvement which naturally gives great encouragement to Morse is the latest of our modern Napoleons and bears a close resemblance to the original. So long as the latter had France to supply every fresh demand for troops and money he could win victories, but after he had drained the country of both it became very different. In a similar manner so long as Morse had a string of banks under his control he could win distinction, but when this was changed what a difference appeared. St. Helena was waiting for the first Napoleon, all through his selfish and bloody glory, and so also the court room and tombs were waiting for Morse. One man was driven to suicide and many families were ruined by a fortune once estimated at \$200,000,000, but now vanished, and just as the original Napoleon reached St. Helena so these financial Napoleons find another St. Helena nearer home.

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## DOWN IN A BALLOON.

A Perilous Descent in City Streets. W. K. Morison of Minneapolis in the Airship and Escapes Unhurt.

ROCKVILLE, CONN., November 17. After soaring to a height of 11,000 feet, the loftiest aerial "level" ever attained by a balloon in this country, and trailing seventy miles of rope, a man, who was racing the capabilities of a powerful racing automobile—the balloon "Pittsfield," in the heart of the Berkshires, in which William Van Sleet of the Pittsfield Aero Club, accompanied by Wm. K. Morison of Minneapolis, made an ascent from Pittsfield at 2.55 o'clock this afternoon, made a dramatic landing here, drifting at high speed into the heart of the city and tearing down electric and fire alarm wires before its course was finally checked in the yard of Christian Numaker.

No sooner had its occupants stepped from the basket to the ground than the balloon was taken into custody by the chief of police and ignominiously locked up by its escapee, quite regardless of its proud exploit in the upper air. It will not be given its liberty until the damage it did has been paid.

The two aeronauts came through the landing ordeal unhurt. Mr. Van Sleet, who was the pilot, declared that it was the most exciting trip he had ever made in a balloon. When the great bag began to fall, he hastened to get his bearings, and picked out for his landing the open field at the foot of Rockville. He threw his twenty-pound anchor and it caught in the ground, but so swiftly was the balloon traveling that the anchor fluke broke. Then Mr. Van Sleet pulled the rip cord, but the balloon had pulled the impetus that it kept on for a considerable distance right into the city.

## WIRES DOWN IN TRAIL.

A litter of wires marked its trail as it swept along. The startling advent of the monster in the midst of the community caused general excitement, and fears were felt for the safety of the two men in the basket as it bumped and dragged over posts and trees and scraped against the corners of buildings. At last, tearing through grape arbors and shrubbery, it came to a stop in the Numaker yard, where a crowd promptly surrounded it. In the crowd was Rockville's police chief, who concluded to "arrest" the balloon and hold it pending the settlement of the damage it had done to the city's property. Mr. Van Sleet said that he intended to return to his home in Pittsfield. Limp and dejected, looking quite unlike the immense shining spheroid which, an hour before, had gone soaring up into the sunlight in majestic beauty to break all altitude records for airships on this side of the water, the balloon was carted away to the police station.

## VAN SLEET TELLS OF IT.

Describing the eventful run in his air craft from Pittsfield to Rockville, Mr. Van Sleet said that when they cast off the anchor, a heavy wind was blowing. It lifted them with great rapidity until they were 11,000 feet above earth. The air was very warm up there and kept the bag up. The aeronauts felt not the slightest discomfort. The sensation was one of exhilaration. After sailing for some time at this height, Mr. Van Sleet "jockeyed" his balloon to a lower level, and then into a current of cooler air. After that the drop was very swift, almost headlong, and he threw over the edge of the basket all the ballast on board, which was not much. Their invasion of Rockville, he said, was somewhat alarming and a new experience for him. The landing was accomplished at 3.55 o'clock.

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## A GOOD MARE FARMING TOWN.

Tucked away among the hills of old Waldo, in the extreme northwestern part of the county, lies the agricultural town of Troy, which leads other towns in the county in many respects.

The land here is the highest and consequently best drained of any in the county. For that reason it is well adapted to sheep raising and dairying. From the report of the State Assessors, 1895, we learn that there were 2200 sheep in the town, which was more than was kept in any other town in the county. It also led in the number of two-year-old colts and ranked third in the number of cows, fifth in horses and in swine. From the report of 1906 we learn that it still led in the number of sheep and two-year-old colts, ranked second in the number of cows and swine, was still fifth in the number of horses and had more two and one-year-old cattle than any other town. The inventory of 1908 showed an increase in swine; so it doubtless now leads in the number of sheep, swine, two-year-old colts and is second in the number of cows kept, unless there was a greater increase in the other towns during the past two years in live stock than during the eleven years before.

The value of flock and herd is being increased constantly by the efforts which are being made to bring them up to a high degree of excellence and by the purchasing of pure blood animals. We have vast grazing lands and many more sheep and cattle might be kept than now.

The soil here is fertile and well drained, and has never had its strength exhausted as it has in many parts of Maine. It is adapted to the raising of potatoes, and our farmers have demonstrated, and they can raise as fine a crop of them as can be done in Aroostook County. The soil is also well adapted to profitable orcharding, the raising of small fruits, garden truck, corn, beans and the various grains.

A resident of Kansas City, Mo., told me not long ago that he was loath to go back to the West because the drinking water there is poor and the fruit of an inferior quality. He said that the people here did not know how much they had to be thankful for. He was mistaken, for surely we do know that there is no water and no fruit in the world quite like ours.

There is no branch of farming that cannot be successfully carried on here. We have a great deal of lumber and wood and have the finest water power to be found anywhere. There is no reason why this town cannot become a manufacturing town, and it will when men with capital learn of its location and natural advantages.

There are men (but I am glad to say there are but a few of them) who have in the past stayed here until they had got every cent they could out of the town and then taken all of their earthly goods and gone to make their home elsewhere, cursing the town and its people and everything in it because they could not get more out of it. Such people are a no benefit to the town, and they are a better placed at the rid of them, indeed, fortunate. Joy go with them. I have no patience with any person who will slur and try to belittle his native town, but all praise is due to the one who stays in and does all he can for the upbuilding of it. Just as much praise is due to the young man who goes out into the world and accumulates quite a sum of money and then comes back to his native town and spends it together with the declining years of his life. This kind of a man is a true patriot, because home is the best place in the world to him. We have some of this class, and the number is increasing. This was a good old town to be born in, and a better place to die in, from one point of view it is getting to be a good place to come back to, and will be a better place to die in. I am truly thankful that even our country people are beginning to learn the worth of a life on the farm.—Bertha F. Hillman, in the American Cultivator.

## PRESIDENTIAL FUN.

Word-picture of a Recent Event with Comment Thereon.

The President has the most fun when he takes a walk. He lets on to be a good constitution-builder—that he indulges for this purpose—but that is all a sham. He always "ropes in" other people to walk with him. Like the little boy, he had the "mostest" that can be seen when he got Secretary Garfield, assistant Secretary of State Bacon, and fifty-eight army officers to take a walk.

Out they went, into the fields, through the woods, over the hills, across the streams, puffing and blowing, and spurring to keep up, the President always leading the way, and now and then looking back, with a joy covering his face and a breathless, jaded crowd trying to keep up and letting on they never were so happy in their lives. Even Jimmy Garfield seemed to enjoy it.

At one time they struck a rocky cliff, 200 feet high and very steep, and up that they struggled, and when they reached the top, down they went through the undergrowth on the other side, rushing through it like a charge of bayonets, and then encountered a creek, and leaped into which they plunged and waded almost to their chins, the President leading the way and calling it "bully."

After spending an afternoon at such strenuous plodding, the crowd went home chilled to the bone and every muscle quivering with weariness. That's what for President's falls from Rooseveltian fun. He's welcome to it, but it would be better for the other fellows a rest.—Ohio State Journal.

## FOLEY'S HONEY AND TAR

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New State of "Lincoln."

TO THE EDITOR OF THE BOSTON GLOBE: The prospective admission of New Mexico as a State of the Union affords the last opportunity for years, or perhaps forever, of writing upon the roll of the States the name of the only American who has taken rank with Washington, and at the same time of distinguishing his anniversary, which we are about to celebrate, by the most dignified and impressive act of commemoration within the power of the government or the people. There are many reasons against preserving in the nomenclature of the States the make-shift declaration of New Mexico, of which not the least is that the name is a standing reminder of a chapter of our history which every American citizen who values the good name of his country would be glad to forget. If the occasion is availed of to awaken a public sentiment in favor of bringing this territory into the Union in the name of Lincoln, I should suppose the controlling authority, and probably the people of New Mexico, would respond to it.

ALBERT E. PILLSBURY.

Boston, November 17, 1908.

That Was His Trouble.

The best man noticed that one of the wedding guests, a gloomy-looking young man, did not seem to be enjoying himself. He was wandering about as though he had lost his last friend. The best man took it upon himself to cheer him up.

"Er—have you kissed the bride?" he asked by way of introduction.

"Not lately," replied the gloomy one with a faraway expression. "Everybody's Magazine."

## TRAMPS' THANKSGIVING.

How New York's Hoboes Get Their Holiday Dinners.

A great deal depends on the kind of man who wishes to take part in the feasting, wrote the late Josiah Flint in Good Housekeeping. A pauper-dinner from the Bowersly will have a harder time finding his Thanksgiving dinner than will a well-dressed hobo from the west. In general, the pauper-dinner has to remain content with the same simple fare on holidays that he is accustomed to the year through. The well-dressed and skilled beggar, on the other hand, expects and looks for delicacies on fete days. He may have to look a long while before he finds all that he thinks he is entitled to, but the genuine seeker perseveres until he believes that he has celebrated the day as a man of his parts should.

The favorite procedure for a great many roadsters is first to beg for money with which to buy the materials for a feast and then to cook the meal themselves at some improvised camp or "hangout." This is the great delight of a number of western tramps. Some days before the holiday is due they begin to save up their spare pennies for the coming "gorge" or "scoff," as it is also called. Perhaps there is a party of them together, and they combine their forces and funds.

Many of them can cook fairly well, and all lend some assistance in preparing the meal. One attends to carrying the water, another arranges the different purchases so that they can be handled reached, while others assist in making the fire and attending to the actual cooking. The men who are not chefs sit around the fire, snack their lips and swap stories about the places they were in the year before. Perhaps some man will be reminded of having been in jail the year before. He tells about the poor "feed" that he received and how he scolded against fate and the law for having shut him up on such an occasion. Another man will remember how he was in the far west where there was no meal at all. Still another will recall how he thought of reforming and had practically made up his mind to go to work when some housewife tempted him with a fine Thanksgiving "set down," and his good resolutions went to pieces.

## CARVING THE TURKEY.

Some Suggestions For the Man Who Wields the Knife.

A few suggestions on carving probably will not be amiss and may save the fresh Thanksgiving table linen from desecration by splashes of gravy.

First, then, let the carver plunge the fork firmly into the breast of the turkey. He must have a sure hold of the breastbone if he would operate successfully.

Let him then cut off the wing nearest him, which is done by passing the knife underneath the socket and is easily accomplished if the bird be young and tender.

Remove the leg on the same side in the same manner, pressing the bone outward while making the cut. Separate the first and second joints of the leg and next remove the side bone by running the knife along the backbone and close to it. It is attached only by a filament of skin and fat; hence this task is not difficult.

Legs and wings being removed, the slicing of the breast is a simple matter, and this opens the cavity, from which filling may be removed with a spoon. The removal of the leg usually makes another opening to be utilized in the same manner.

Be sure you have a well sharpened knife.

If you cannot succeed in dismembering it gracefully, do not be too sure that the toughness of the turkey is to blame. A good after dinner speaker is more frequently met with than a good carver.—Philadelphia Ledger.

## Thanksgiving on the Reservation.

The spirit of thankfulness pervades the Indian Thanksgiving celebration. A Thanksgiving feast is enjoyed, and at night some of the reservation tribes take part in a "green corn dance," at which thanks are offered to the Great Spirit for the good crops of the year. The Osages usually hold a big feast at Pawhuska, their capital city. The festivities are participated in by the entire tribe, and the missionary who lives in their midst and ministers to them offers a prayer of thanksgiving for the good things provided.

## The Example.

Mr. Pitt—The United States sets an example to Europe every Thanksgiving day.

Mr. Penn—That's true. They don't have Thanksgiving days in Europe, but then they haven't so much to be thankful for.

"I wasn't thinking of that feature of it."

"What were you thinking of?"

"Of the dismemberment of Turkey."

## The Roman Cerealia.

With the idea of returning thanks for a bounteous harvest the warlike Romans set apart some days in the autumn of each year for what they termed the Cerealia in honor of their goddess Ceres. This observance is said to be as ancient as the reign of Romulus and was altogether an outdoor frolic. There were gay processions to the fields and rustic merry-makings, alluded to by the poet Virgil.

## Thanksgiving Tip.

If the second joint may be considered a second joint in any sense other than anatomically it is so close a second that it may always be successfully played for a place on the race track of epicurean prestige and hilarity.—Judge.

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## Standard Oil's Development.

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ly paid, as our capital increased," said Mr. Rockefeller.

HOW THEY GOT ON IN NEW YORK.

"Let me ask you about the house which you established here," said Mr. Milburn.

"Yes, that was an advantage. It gave us an opportunity to learn of the foreign market and the export trade. We were constantly in need of increasing capital as our business developed, and in New York we could secure larger sums of money at lower rates than in the west. We were always able to obtain large sums of money, and I am thankful to say, we always had good credit."

"We always kept our accounts and paid our bills. Our ability to secure loans was of great advantage to us. Thus we extended our facilities with New York bankers with whom we kept our deposits, and we got our money at the cheapest rates in the cheapest money market in the world."

Through the acquaintances formed by William Rockefeller with wealthy men in New York, connections were established that enabled the company to borrow large sums for the further extension of the business, the witness stated. Some of those who aided him in obtaining funds were Amasa Stone and Benjamin Brewster. New York, he said, was the largest exporting point at that time, and is today.

Mr. Rockefeller said the company found it a saving to lighter its own oil from the cars to the warehouses in this city. He added:

"We made these improvements as fast as we could provide capital for them. Other companies had to pay the expense of lighterage, which, with the commissions for selling oil and the warehouse charge, made their charges heavier than ours."

Hard times came upon the oil trade early in the 70's, witness said. The business was much overdone, because refiners had been created so rapidly that the profit was much lessened.

In buying up other companies Mr. Rockefeller said no coercion was used.

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## Literary News and Notes.

Gifford Pinchot, the government expert upon the subject of forestry and who in recent years has done much toward arousing public interest in the subject, has written Holman Day a very complimentary letter in regard to his novel "King Spruce."

A memorial volume composed of selected orations by the late Orville Dewey Baker, together with the eulogies and notices called forth by his death, is now in preparation by the Baker heirs. The book, which is being prepared by Manly H. Pike and printed by Burleigh & Flynt, Augusta, will probably be ready in December for private circulation only.

The publication of letters of Mrs. James G. Blaine is expected from the press the latter part of this month. Written mostly to members of Mrs. Blaine's family, and with no idea of their publication, the correspondence is said to be spontaneous and entertaining, and to afford attractive glimpses of the home life of an American political family, as well as views of social and political happenings in Washington during the administrations of Presidents Grant, Hayes, Garfield, Arthur and Harrison.

Kirk Munroe remains in a class by himself as a writer for the boys, and those who remember Campmates, Kirk Dale, Snowshoes and Sledges, and various other tales by him will raise a cheerful shout when they know that another is to appear through the Harpers. The story of a young mechanical engineer who goes off to Newfoundland and Labrador for an iron and copper company, encounters shipwreck, drifts alone on a raft, and is rescued, only to be marooned by an iceberg, lost in a blizzard, and finally captured by the natives, is the story of a most uncomfortable ship, and oyster dredging is not a pleasant occupation. But the opportunities for dangerous adventure and exciting experience are marvelous, and life on a pirate craft is never dull.

The New York Sun has this to say of a Bangor boy's latest book. Mr. Smith is on the editorial staff of the New York World: "Ruel Perley Smith is a master at arranging things for a boy to have a series of thrilling adventures. He also has a clever knack of presenting them in the kind of vivid narrative that boys enjoy, as he has shown in his story of Jack Harvey's Adventures (L. C. Page & Company, Boston.) Jack's parents are shipped off to Europe at the beginning of the book, where they can't interfere with the proceedings. Jack is shanghaied on board Capt. Haley's barge for a cruise in Chesapeake bay, oyster dredging. Capt. Haley was a brutally cruel pirate officer. The barge was a most uncomfortable ship, and oyster dredging is not a pleasant occupation. But the opportunities for dangerous adventure and exciting experience are marvelous, and life on a pirate craft is never dull."

If you haven't the time to exercise regularly, Dr. Regulete will prevent constipation. They induce a mild, easy, healthful action of the bowels without griping. Ask your druggist for them. 25c.

Very respectfully,  
L. H. BAILEY, Chairman.  
The President, The White House.

THE WHITE HOUSE,  
Washington, D. C.,  
November 9, 1908.

My Dear Professor Bailey:

I wish at the outset cordially to thank you for the way in which you have taken hold of the work you are doing. No more valuable work for the people of this country can be done, because no more valuable work can the farmers of this country do.

Now of course the whole success of the work depends upon the attitude of the people in the open country, of the farming people of the United States. If they feel an awakening interest in what you are doing they should manifest it. Moreover, it is essential that the farmers, the men who actually live on the soil, should feel a sense of ownership in this Commission, should feel that you gentlemen in very truth represent them and are responsive to their desires and wishes, no less than to their needs. It seems to me, therefore, that it would be well to get into the closest possible touch with the farmers of the country and to find out from them, so far as you are able, just what they regard as being the subjects with which it is most important that you should deal. This you are already doing by sending out a circular of questions and by holding meetings in different parts of the United States. But perhaps something more can be done.

I accordingly suggest that you ask the farmers to come together in the several school districts of the country so that they may meet and consider these matters. I suggest the school districts, because the school is the place for the natural gathering place for such a meeting; or they could meet at other customary or convenient places. It would be well if the meetings could be held within the next three or four weeks; that is, before Congress adjourns prior to the Christmas holidays, so that at the time of the re-assembling of Congress early in January you will have the reports of the meetings and so will be in position to advise definitely what should be done. I suggest that you ask them to meet not later than Saturday, December 5th; and you will of course use your own judgment whether to summon the meeting by circular or otherwise.

Throughout this letter where I use the word "farmers" I mean also to include all those who live in the open country and are intimately connected with those who do the farm work—ministers, school teachers, physicians, editors of country papers, in short all men whose life or whose life work is done either on the farm or in connection with the life work of those who are on the farm.

You know better than I what topics you will suggest. How would it do to include such topics as:

The efficiency of the rural schools; Farmers' organizations; The question of farm labor; The need of good roads; Improved postal facilities; Sanitary conditions on the farm.

Your purpose is neither to investigate the farmer, nor to inquire into technical methods of farming. You are simply trying to ascertain what are the general economic, social, educational, and sanitary conditions of the open country, and what, if anything, the farmers themselves can do to help themselves, and how the government can help them. To this end your special desire is to get in touch with and represent the farmers themselves. The commission now consists of five members. I shall ask the country gentlemen to serve upon it, so that the full membership will be as follows:

Prof. L. H. Bailey, New York State College of Agriculture, Ithaca, N. Y., Chairman;

Mr. Henry Wallace, Wallace's Farmer, Des Moines, Iowa;

Kenyon L. Butterfield, President Massachusetts Agricultural College, Amherst, Mass.

Gifford Pinchot, U. S. Forest Service, Washington, D. C.;

Walter H. Page, North Carolina, Editor of the World's Work.

Charles S. Barrett, Union City, Ga., and William A. Beard, Sacramento, Cal., are gentlemen to serve with all good wishes for your success in this great and important work, believe me,

Very sincerely yours,

THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

Prof. L. H. Bailey, Chairman, Commission on Country Life, New York State College of Agriculture, Ithaca, New York.

To which Chairman Bailey replied as follows:

COMMISSION ON COUNTRY LIFE,  
November 12, 1908.

Sir: The Commission on Country Life is much gratified that its efforts have met with your approval. The public interest in the subject seems to be widespread and to be constantly growing, as the purpose of the work becomes known. Discussion of the inquiry that the people themselves, is the best means of arriving at a clear understanding of what the Country Life problems really are. The Commission gladly welcomes your suggestion that all country people come together to consider these great questions, and hereby requests all persons who are specially interested in the welfare of the open country to meet in their usual gathering places on or before December 5th to discuss the subjects you suggest, or any of the questions on which the Commission is making inquiries.

Copies of the questions may be secured by writing to the Commission on Country Life, Washington, D. C. The Commission desires that, so far as possible, a general summary or estimate of the discussions in all the meeting places be promptly sent to its office in Washington, so that it may have the benefit of all suggestions in preparing its report.

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The Co-operation of Farmers Solicited. A Letter From President Roosevelt.

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